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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not issued any rule prohibiting the opening of boys' schools for Muhammadans in centres with a population of less than 500 or the opening of girls' schools for Muhammadans in centres with a population of less than 1,000. The hon. Member apparently refers to the schools opened by local bodies with special subsidies from Provincial funds since 1924–25. Special subsidies are given for the opening of boys' schools only in school-less centres with a population of 500 and above and of girls' schools for Muhammadans only in centres with a population of 1,000 and above in which there are no schools for Muhammadan girls. Local bodies are not allowed to utilize these special subsidies for the opening of schools in centres with a smaller population.

(*c*) The Government do not at present propose to relax their policy in regard to the opening of schools in school-less centres with special subsidies from Provincial funds.

Girls' schools for Muslims in South Arcot and other districts.

* 1459 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of new girls' schools (elementary) opened since 1924–25 in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris ; and

(*b*) how many of them are intended for Muslim girls and in which taluks and municipalities in the said districts have these been opened ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have been sanctioning to local bodies since 1927–28 special subsidies for opening girls' schools in large centres where there are no girls' schools. A statement [a] giving the information in respect of these schools for the districts mentioned in the question is placed on the table. The Government have no information in regard to the schools which may have been opened by the local bodies concerned without special aid from Provincial funds or by private managements.

Appointments to superior posts in the Educational department.

* 1460 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recently several appointments to the superior posts of the Educational Service have been filled by persons who were not in Government service at the time of appointment ;

(*b*) whether these posts were advertised in the open market and whether such applications were considered by any special committee ; and

(*c*) if no applications were called for, on what grounds and under what circumstances such appointments were made and how the Government satisfied themselves prima facie that they were the best candidates available ?

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 143–144 infra.

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Six appointments were made in 1929—three in the Engineering College, Guindy, and three in the Arts Colleges. The three posts in the Engineering College were advertised and the applications considered by the Board of Visitors to the College. The candidates selected for the posts in Arts Colleges had been recommended as suitable by the Selection Committee constituted to advise Government on the selection of candidates for direct appointment to the higher branches of the Educational Services.

Appointment of the Principal, Law College.

* 1461 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any definite proposal has been received for the filling up of the Principalship of the Law College; and

(*b*) whether, in view of the importance of the post, he will appoint a person of standing and experience in the legal profession to this place?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All relevant considerations will be borne in mind in filling up the post.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know the considerations which will be borne in mind?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"All relevant considerations."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, what those consideration are?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I cannot enumerate all the relevent considerations here."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I ask whether the hon. the Chief Minister cannot enlighten the House with all the relevant considerations which he will bear in mind in making the choice?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"If the hon. Member tables a resolution, I will give him the information he asks for."

Alleged discrimination among pupils in the Chidambaram Training School.

* 1462 *Q.*—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of boys undergoing training in the Chidambaram Training School;

(*b*) how many of them are Adi-Dravidas;

(*c*) how many of those Adi-Dravida boys are reading in the higher and how many in the lower elementary grade;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravida boys are not allowed to mix freely with the others in the gymnastic classes and other classes; and

(*e*) whether the headmaster of the school is aware of this discrimination, and if so, whether he has taken any action in the matter?